

The only taking of life in connection with the recent strike was investigated by a Coroner yesterday, and the jury warmly commended the behavior of Officer Snyder, who fired the shot that killed McGowan. Snyder's testimony showed that he acted with discretion. He first threatened to shoot, and then drew his revolver and fired twice over the heads of

This, we presume, is a charitable method of explaining the dismissal of the American representative at Samoa, who has been so unfortunately as to excite the resentment and hostility of the German officials. The Secretary's own account of the proceeding is unintelligible, but of course he did not desire to lay stress upon his own chivalrous motives. He requested the resignation because the Consul-General's views were not in harmony with the Department's policy. That cannot mean anything, because the Secretary Bayard has never been suspected either by friend or foe of having anything to do with the policy in Samoa. Mr. Sewall invariably obeyed instructions and less than four months ago was warmly commended by his superior for his conduct. When the German Minister at the time of the Washington

calamity can be so easily forestalled that it is sheer folly to live longer exposed to them. The subject makes a stronger appeal now, while we are passing through the period of liability, than it can possibly make during the four years of safety following March 4, and now is the time to take the first step toward providing against the recurrence of danger. Congress, even in the few remaining weeks of the session, ought to find time to submit an amendment i. the prescribed manner for ratification by the States. We do not agree with 'The Boston Advertiser' that the ratification could be accom-

The groundhog has been heard from. He came out of his hole the other day and saw his shadow. That means, if the groundhog is as able a weather prophet as he is claimed to be by his partisans, that we have got to experience forty days of

greatly sinned they had been greatly tempted. As a secular newspaper, but as one which understands the civilizing and moralizing influences of Christianity,

So the United States is going over to Berlin to talk with Germany about the Samoan matter. What have

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